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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, BGEN, KU

SUBJECT: FLIGHT CERTIFICATION IN BEIRUT: PROBLEMS  
REPORTED

FOR FAA OFFICE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KUWAIT 3985 FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

1. AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RECENTLY VISITED EMBASSY AND INFORMED PILOTS BY THE FAA OFFICE IN BEIRUT. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELL SMALL AIRCRAFT TO AT LEAST TWO CONCERNS, ONE OF THEM IN KUWAIT, BUT BOTH FIRMS HAVE REFUSED ABSOLUTELY TO SEND PILOTS TO BEIRUT FOR FLIGHT CERTIFICATION, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF SECURITY SITUATION THERE. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS COULD WORSEN HIS AND OTHER US FIRM'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IN SMALL AIRCRAFT FIELD SINCE EUROPEAN COMPANIES ARE ABLE TO OFFER SUCH CERTIFICATION WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF TRAVELING TO BEIRUT. HE WONDERED (AND UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, HE INTENDS TO ASK THE FAA) WHETHER THE FLIGHT CERTIFICATION PROCESS COULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE LOCAL US EMBASSY IN COUNTRY

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WHERE THE PURCHASE ORIGINATED, WITH THE EMBASSY ADMINISTER-

ING THE WRITTEN PORTION OF THE TEST, AND A PERSON LICENSED

TO TRAIN PILOTS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER THE FLIGHT  
PORTION. VISITING AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN NOTED THAT HE  
HIMSELF HAD SUCH A LICENSE.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: ABOVE IS TO ALERT  
YOU OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN THE HANDLING OF FLIGHT  
CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES OUT OF BEIRUT. BEIRUT SECURITY  
SITUATION HAS ALREADY AFFECTED THE OPERATIONS OF US  
BUSINESSMEN IN OTHER FIELDS, ON BOTH PERSONAL AND  
BUSINESS LEVELS. EMBASSY REQUESTS BEIRUT FAA TO COMMENT  
ON PROCEDURES IN THIS MATTER AND ON BUSINESSMAN'S  
SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERING THEM IN ORDER TO HELP US  
ADVISE US BUSINESSMEN ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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